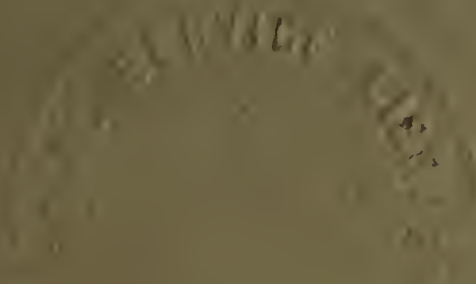

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MRS. MARY E. P. FENNELL.

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THE DIRECTORS of the CHANNING HOME submit the following Report for the year ending March 31, 1895.

The Home was first opened in Channing Street in May, 1857, by Miss HARRIET RYAN (afterward Mrs. JOHN ALBEE), and was removed in March, 1858, to No. 13 South Street. It was Miss Ryan's intention to establish a home rather than a hospital for sick women, and it was her custom to admit chronic and incurable cases. In this respect the institution supplies a want in the community not entirely filled by any other ; and it will be the endeavor of the managers to carry out the plan which she so nobly started. Some of the patients have been inmates of the Home for years, and no pay is taken from any of them.

During the year the institution has met with a great loss in the death of Mrs. McDonnell, the matron, which took place on January 25, 1895. Assuming the duties of the position immediately after the death of her half-sister, Mrs. H. R. Albee, which occurred on May 2, 1873, she has been closely connected with the Home for more than twenty years, and during that period she has been thoroughly identified with its work even in the minutest

details. She was a woman of remarkable character, and to her Christian spirit and untiring watchfulness the institution has owed a large part of its success. On January 28 funeral services were conducted in St. Joseph's Church and attended by a large number of friends and mourners, including the directors and physicians of the Home.

At a special meeting of the Directors, held on February 5, the following vote was passed : —

The Directors of the Channing Home have heard with deep sorrow the announcement of the death of the matron, Mrs. Eliza McDonnell, which took place on January 25 last, and they desire to spread upon the records some mark of their appreciation of the great loss which the Home has sustained.

Coming to the position as the immediate successor of Mrs. Harriet (Ryan) Albee, her near kinswoman and founder of the institution, for many years her thoughts and labors have been incessant in behalf of the Home; and with her it was no less a pleasure than a Christian duty to administer to the wants of the sick and dying.

She leaves a memory of sweetness and light that will long linger among the friends and patients of the institution, and they feel assured that, in accordance with the Divine promise, she is now enjoying the reward vouchsafed to the faithful.

The present building, No. 30 McLean Street, was occupied by the Home on May 1, 1870, and is well adapted to the purpose. It is light and airy, and situated in a quiet and unpaved street. The position has some advantages of importance to the patients; and it is believed that they are more comfortable here than they would be in a larger establishment.

At the end of last year (March 31, 1894,) there were fifteen patients in the Home. Since that time twenty-nine have been admitted, nineteen have died, six have been discharged not relieved, two have been discharged much improved, and two relieved. The number now remaining is fifteen, of whom twelve are suffering from consumption, two from general debility, and one from cardiac disease and complications..

The following tabular statement gives the diseases and the results of all cases treated in the Home since its establishment thirty-eight years ago, though it does not include the present patients.

DISEASE.	Well.	Not Treated	Eloped.	Not Relieved.	Relieved.	Much Relieved.	Died.	Total.
Abscess.....	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	4
Anæmia	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	6
Aneurism.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Asthma	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3
Bright's Disease.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	5
Bronchitis	3	2	..	..	6	2	3	16
Cancer.....	..	1	..	2	..	1	4	8
Childbirth	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Consumption	..	7	9	80	86	21	391	594
Debility.....	10	2	..	..	18	3	3	36
Diarrhœa	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	5
Disease of Bladder.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	3
" Bones	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
" Brain.....	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
" Eye.....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
" Heart	..	..	..	..	..	6	13	19
" Joints.....	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	5
" Liver.....	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	4
" Skin.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
" Spine.	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
" Uterus	1	1	2	..	4	2	..	10
Dysentery ...	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Dyspepsia	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	7
Epilepsy	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2
Erysipelas.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fatty Tumor.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hernia.....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Hysteria.	2	..	..	2	4	..	..	8
Injury of Face.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lead Poisoning.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nasal Catarrh	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Neuralgia	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	3
Ovarian Tumor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Paralysis	1	..	..	1	..	1	3	6
Pleurisy	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3
Pneumonia	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	9
Rheumatism.....	9	1	..	..	2	2	4	18
Scarlet Fever.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Scrofula	1	..	..	..	2	1	2	6
Syphilis.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Ulcers.....	5	..	..	..	3	1	..	9
Unclassified.....	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	4
Venereal Disease.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total.....	63	21	11	87	150	50	438	820

Patients in the Home March 31, 1895.....15

Whole number of patients received since May 1, 1857835

The Directors desire to return their thanks to TRINITY CHURCH for clothing received on different occasions, and to the HOLLIS STREET FLOWER MISSION and the CAMBRIDGE FLOWER MISSION for bouquets sent to the patients at various times.

The friends of the Home are invited to visit the institution, and see for themselves the plan on which it is conducted. Any gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, CHARLES P. CURTIS, JR., No. 39 Court Street, or to the Home, No. 30 McLean Street.

The Directors desire also to acknowledge the ready and kind services rendered at all times by the physicians, as well as by the matron.

BOSTON, April 10, 1895.

DR. THE CHANNING HOME, *in account with*
 CHARLES P. CURTIS, JR., *Treasurer.* CR.
From March 31, 1894, to March 31, 1895.

DR.

Balance from old account	\$495.28
Interest on Mortgages	665.00
„ Fitchburg Railroad Bonds	150.00
„ Kansas City, Fort Scott, and Memphis Railroad Bonds	240.00
„ Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Bonds .	140.00
„ Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Railroad Bonds	86.25
„ Consolidated Railroad of Vermont Bonds	217.22
„ Chicago Junction Railroad and Union Stock Yards Co. Bonds	250.00
„ Bank balance	18.03
Dividends on Boston and Albany Railroad Stock .	160.00
„ Detroit, Hillsdale and Southwestern Railroad Stock	140.00
„ Fitchburg Railroad Stock	198.00
Annual Subscriptions	241.00
From the Ashton Trust	1,000.00
„ „ Saunders Trust	25.00

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\$4,025.78

House Expenses	\$3,805.00
Repairing Sewer	52.97
Printing Annual Report, etc.	14.47
Advertising Meeting	2.85
Rent of Vault	5.00
Balance to new account	145.49

\$4,025.78

E. & O. E.

APRIL 1, 1895.

CHARLES P. CURTIS, JR., *Treasurer.*
 Approved and examined, { SAMUEL A. GREEN,
 CHARLES P. CURTIS.

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

The Directors of the Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of money during the past year from the following persons:—

Mrs. Henry W. Abbot.	Miss Mary Amory Greene.
Mrs. Louis Agassiz.	Mrs. James Guild.
Mr. James M. Barnard.	Mrs. Henry L. Higginson.
Mrs. S. Parkman Blake.	Mrs. John Homans.
Mrs. Martin Brimmer.	Mrs. Henry Lee.
The Misses Cary.	Mrs. Thornton K. Lothrop.
Mrs. John T. Coolidge.	Mrs. Lucy R. Read.
Mrs. Robert H. Eddy.	Miss Sarah E. Read.
Mrs. James T. Fields.	Miss Julia G. Robins.
Mr. Joseph B. Glover.	Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw.
Mrs. J. S. Copley Greene.	Mrs. Frederick Stone.
Miss Margaret Greene.	Miss Rebecca P. Wainwright.

In addition to the above, a large number of gifts of flowers, fruits, etc., have been received and acknowledged at the Home.

SAMUEL A. GREEN,

President.

AN APPEAL.

For the past twenty-five years the Channing Home has occupied its present building without making any large repairs, but it is found now that certain changes are necessary, which from time to time have been put off. Such changes embrace new plumbing, and a thorough overhauling of the drainage, and an addition of one or two rooms which are absolutely needed. These alterations are required more for the health and well-being of the patients than for any temporary convenience. It is estimated that the cost of these repairs will be about three thousand dollars (\$3,000); and the Directors of the Home, now for the first time in the history of the institution, confidently make a special appeal to the public for the money to carry out this purpose.

The following tribute to the memory of Mrs. McDonnell was printed in the "Boston Evening Transcript," January 28, 1895, and is considered by her friends as eminently just in its appreciation :—

MRS. ELIZA McDONNELL.

The death of Mrs. McDonnell, the head of the Channing Home, at 30 McLean Street, will carry deep grief to many hearts. She had been identified with the Channing Home almost from its foundation in 1857. The romantic story of its founding by Harriet Ryan, the half-sister of Mrs. McDonnell, will be recalled by many Boston people of an older generation. After the death of Mrs. John Albee, formerly Harriet Ryan, in 1873, Mrs. McDonnell assumed the entire charge of the institution and continued to her last days, although in the seventy-ninth year of her age, to minister to the sick and the dying under her charge.

Mrs. McDonnell was born in Halifax, N. S., and was of Irish and French parentage. The family removed to Boston when she was a young girl, and she had always a great pride in the city of her adoption. Here she was married and spent the whole of her active life. She had all the tastes, interests and sympathies of a true-born New England woman ; all her thrift, tact, and ability to manage domestic affairs. Think of managing an institution of some less than twenty persons, patients and servants, on \$4,000 a year. But her economies were never for herself. She gave away all she received, and as fast as received. At least two generations of poor and humble people in her circle, could they testify, would rise up and call her blessed.

And it was not alone in practical help that her good heart was revealed ; her counsel was worth more than money, and her sympathy, spontaneous and genuine, more than fine gold. Though childless, I know not to

how many children she has been as a mother. She had a quiet, irresistible, endearing way of greeting every one in whom she had an interest. Her patients, all of them in recent years of that pathetic class "about to die," were attached to her by the deepest reverence and affection. She attended to all their needs personally, humored all their caprices, and comforted and consoled them in the hour of death. Nor did her tenderness toward them end there; she arranged the empty tenement with the greatest care and according to the last wishes of the patient, no matter how difficult or seemingly frivolous. Her last earthly labor, only three days before her death, was the final arrangement of the hair and dress of one of her patients who had just died, in compliance with her request. Her thirty years of absolute devotion to the sick and dying, with all its incidents, tragic, painful, or pathetic, would make the most shining and remarkable chapter in the history of Boston charities. She had been brought during this period into close relation with a large number of Boston's most distinguished physicians, and they all accord to her the praise of being to them in the highest degree helpful and inspiring.

The institution over which she presided so faithfully for so many years has always been in the truest sense a home. It is not managed at all in accordance with the modern methods of many charitable institutions — and may it never be! It has no red tape. It was founded by Harriet Ryan upon the most liberal ideas; she would have it permeated with personal devotion, and Mrs. McDonnell during her own career, and as the inheritor of her sister's spirit, has exemplified the divinest element in charity. Mrs. McDonnell, though spending her life with the sick and dying, was extremely vivacious and gay. This she owed doubtless to her Celtic and French blood.

She was as lively and entertaining at nearly eighty years as she had ever been, and she moved about as

actively as a young girl of twenty. All her movements were quick and graceful. Her hair was still black, her eyes full of fire to the last. She still had a kind and cheery word for every one. The lofty and the lowly will alike miss, that word, that never-failing sympathy, that entire abnegation of self, that self-surrender to God and all his creatures for which she registered a vow every day and daily fulfilled.

JOHN ALBEE.

